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PARIS, OCT 14, REUTER - THE SOCIALIST PARTY CALLED TODAY FOR A PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO FRANCE'S MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CENTRAL AFRICA FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF CHARGES THAT PRESIDENT VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING ACCEPTED DIAMONDS FROM THE DEPOSED EMPEROR BOKASSA.

THE SATIRICAL WEEKLY LE CANARD ENCHAINE SAID EARLIER TODAY THAT THE PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY AND TOP OFFICIALS HAD RECEIVED DIAMONDS FROM THE FORMER EMPEROR, DEPOSED IN A COUP THREE WEEKS AGO.

IN AN OFFICIAL REQUEST TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, THE SOCIALIST PARTY URGED AN INQUIRY INTO FRANCE'S MILITARY ACTION LAST MONTH IN THE FORMER COLONY.

"PARLIAMENT HAS THE RIGHT TO DEMAND A CLEAR REPLY TO THE QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN PROMPTED ABOUT THE ROLE THAT CERTAIN PRIVATE INTERESTS MAY HAVE PLAYED, LINKED PARTICULARLY TO SOME VERY HIGH FIGURES OF STATE," IT SAID.

THE ELYSEE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE MADE NO COMMENT ON THE CANARD ARTICLE, BUT THE RESPECTED DAILY LE MONDE DEVOTED T[illegible] PAGES TO THE ALLEGATIONS.

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